

## House Resolution No. 3625

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

**Whereas**, a period of five wondrous decades has passed since Harold Martin lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Virginia Pryor, during a solemn ceremony on July 12, 1958, in Boss, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, in the years since that heavenly day, Harold and Virginia Martin have had the pleasure of raising three children, Marla Martin Stringer, Lesa Martin Johnson, and Brian Martin, and the privilege of spoiling five grandchildren and two step-grandchildren, with a great-grandchild on the way; and

**Whereas**, Harold Martin has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes retiring after a thirty-eight year career with US Food Service (formally known as Craig Distributing) and owning and overseeing his own trucking company; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Virginia Martin offered her children boundless emotional support, guidance, and understanding which enhanced their lives in countless ways and enabled them to become responsible citizens with families of their own; and

**Whereas**, Harold and Virginia Martin have enjoyed many hobbies and pastimes over the years, a few of which include being active members of the Young at Heart Senior Group at Grace Community Church, playing golf, fishing, collecting Willow Angels, and spending time with their loved ones; and

**Whereas**, Mr. and Mrs. Martin of Salem commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on July 12, 2008, at Grace Community Church:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Harold and Virginia Martin and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Harold Martin.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Jason Smith  
District No. 150

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,  
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 3625, adopted July 16, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker